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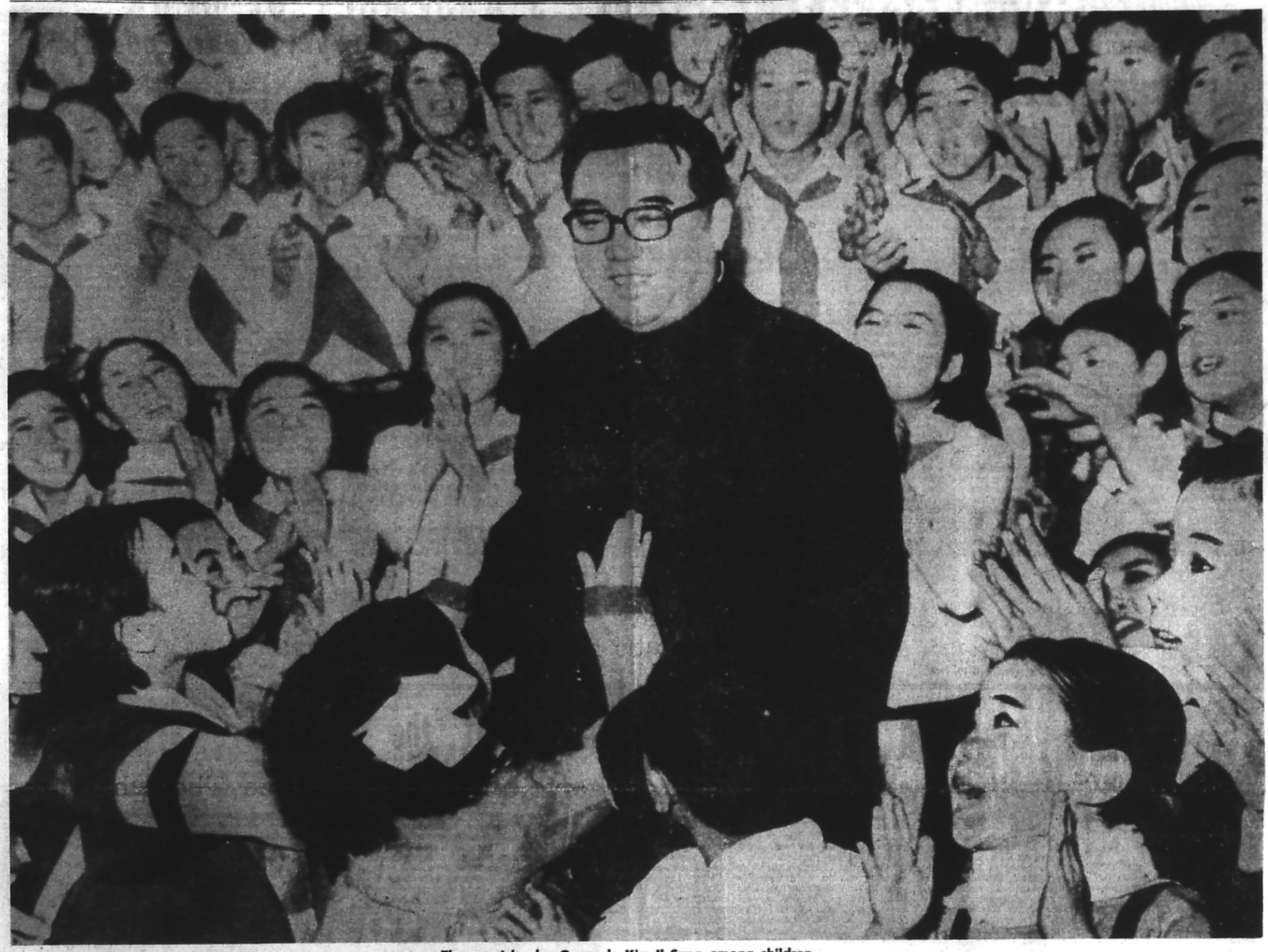

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung among children

EDITORIAL

# GREAT LEADER'S LOFTY CONCEPT BEING TRANSFORMED INTO REALITY

Today, in our country a dynamic Chollima forward movement is going on to make the 30th anniversary of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea a grand festival of victors. With the militant programme to dye the whole of society with the Juche idea being carried on successfully, this country is entering a new era of great national prosperity.

Our Party has become a most authoritative, revolutionary Party in our times, whose mission it is to accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche. Our country has turned into a powerful socialist state, independent, self-supporting and self-defensive—"Juche Korea" or "Chollima Korea" as called by the revolutionary people of the world. And our people have become a most dignified and happy people, able to guide their own fortune.

Great and shining achievements made in the course of the glorious struggle of our Party and people are, without exception, associated with the august name of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The appearance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation and the lodestar of liberation, brought the dawn of new history to this land where even the midday sun had lost its lustre. It marked the dawn of a bright future for our people who had been trodden underfoot and oppressed.

Born into a family whose successive generations were patriotic and revolutionary, our leader, feeling deeply the sorrows of a stateless people and the bitter sufferings of an oppressed and humiliated people, embarked on the road of revolution, with the destiny of the country and the people on his shoulders. He performed the undiminished feats and made great achievements treading the thorny path, which will shine brightly in the history of our nation.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung once said:

**"We Communists, the revolutionaries of Korea, must drive out the Japanese imperialists and achieve the age-long dream of national liberation, thus building on our territory of 3,000 ri a paradise of communism which the world might well envy."**

We can say that our leader was born to serve the people and set out on to the battlefield for the revolution. He endured all sorts of hardships and sufferings only for the sake of the country, revolution, working class and people for a long time, braving the terrible storm of revolution.

The whole course of the glorious revolutionary activities of our leader, who has been devoting himself to providing our people with freedom and happiness and building a paradise of communism in this land is a heroic epic story replete with great changes and creation and shining victories and glory.

The Korean revolution was confronted with the task to save the destiny of the country and people submerged in a sea of blood due to Japanese imperialist colonial rule, put an end to long-drawn-out feudal fetters and give a new life to the people who were in rags and suffering from hunger. But the fulfilment of this task was by no means a royal road from the start. The revolution assumed a complex and arduous nature.

Already in his early days of revolutionary activities Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution, created the everlasting Juche idea of great wisdom, basing himself on his scientific analysis of bitter lessons of our national liberation movement and the logical demand for the international communist movement which entered a new stage of development.

The creation of this idea meant the bourgeoning of the great guiding idea lighting the beacon flares to guide the people of our times who were engaged in revolution; it was a solemn declaration announcing the advent of the Juche era—a great era when the masses of people took their place on the stage of history as masters dominating the world; a new era of history when the masses of people were guiding their own destiny independently and creatively.

The revolutionary idea of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung which came into being as a reflection of the requirements of the Juche era is an integrated system of theories and methods concerning revolution and construction, with the unique Juche idea as its quintessence.

It is the great revolutionary guiding idea, guiding theory and guiding method representing the whole historic course of the present time and the future of communism; it is an encyclopedic idea which gives all-round answers to new problems arising in the struggle for national and class liberation and in socialist and communist construction and world revolution.

Lighting the beacon flares to carve out the road to revolution with the Juche idea, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has led our revolution to shining victory and laid foundations one by one to open up a new era of great national prosperity.

The heroic anti-Japanese armed struggle the great leader organized and led forcing his way through a sea of fire and through raging snowstorms was a glorious struggle to accomplish the great cause of national restoration and bring about a bright future of communism.

It was in this course that our revolution began to put down strong roots. So, it could withstand the most violent storms and emerge victorious. Thanks to these roots the history of oppression and disgrace ended in our country and then came a history of new Korea advancing toward a bright future.

Korea was liberated. People gave themselves up to a tumult of joy and excitement. The revolutionary zeal of the masses of people was at its height. But they did not know what path they should take to build a rich and powerful sovereign independent state.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who is endowed with wisdom of genius, scientific piercing vision and outstanding art of leadership, overcame all sorts of difficulties cropping up in the way of the revolution and intelligently steered our people towards the struggle to build a new society and a new life, thus opening up a new era of socialism and communism in our country.

With no time to break much fatigue of his prolonged and arduous anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle he buckled down to the historic task of building the Party, the state and the army under an acute and complex situation after liberation and carried it to magnificent success. He put through a wide range of democratic reforms in a short space of time, so converting the northern half of the Republic into an impregnable base of revolution.

It was thanks to the iron will and wise leadership of the great leader and to our strong revolutionary base built by him that our people could crush the armed invasion of US imperialism, chieftain of modern imperialism, who had boasted of being the "strongest" in the world, and rise up like a phoenix pushing aside the war debris where even a brick was not available and confidently hew out the untrodden path to socialist construction.

Proceeding from the firm Juche-motivated stand, the great leader has solved creatively all problems arising in the revolution and construction from a new angle, unrestrained by any existing theories and experiences, and converted this country into a people's veritable paradise, a country which was once far removed from modern civilization.

Along the right pathway indicated by the leader our people moved at accelerated pace, taking a hundred or thousand steps when others were taking one step. The result was that miraculous achievements were made: the difficult and complex task of industrialization which took capitalist countries a few centuries was accomplished in the very short time of more than 10 years.

Our country where the centuries-old backwardness, poverty and ignorance had prevailed, has come to demonstrate to the world its might as a socialist industrial state with the most advanced socialist system, a powerful, independent national economy and a brilliant national culture. Our people, freed for ever from their former humiliation and contempt for their backwardness, are in a position to enter the international arena with pride as a nation of powerful and dignified independent sovereign state, able to stand on an equal footing with all big and small countries of the world. In this the greatest credit is due to the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Today our people are living in the era of national prosperity. Never before in the history of 5,000 years of our country has there been such prosperity.

The whole Party and the whole society are pervaded throughout with the Juche idea, the monolithic ideology, and the whole Party, the whole country and the whole army are united into a great political and revolutionary community, whose members act with one mind and one will, closely rallied around the leader.

Our people hold in high esteem the great leader, the genius of revolution. Growing into steel-strong and loyal ranks, they are vibrant with revolutionary spirit, determined to hasten the cause of communism.

It was the brilliant rays of the Juche idea of the great leader that changed the looks of our country radically.

In different parts of our country monumental edifices decorating the era of the Workers' Party of Korea have sprung up in great profusion. This is symbolic of the heroic mettle of Chollima Korea and inexhaustible creative power of our people.

Rural areas have been provided with modern amenities like urban districts. Agriculture has now entered the stage of industrialization. Every year the countryside is visited by bumper harvest.

Thanks to the fatherly leader's policy for serving the people our people are enjoying a decent life. Rice price is next to nil and medical fees are entirely free. The system of taxation has been abolished in our country for the first time in the history of mankind. Juche-based science, culture and art are now at their heyday.

Under the well-advised guidance of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the work to transform society and nature and remould the people has been vigorously pushed ahead. The result is that our country is now in the stage of new development in human civilization in all spheres—politics, economy, ideology, morality, education and culture.

The immortal Juche idea of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is also making its way with radiant rays to the land of south Korea beyond the Demarcation Line, foreign lands where our compatriots live and all over the world across continents and oceans.

It is under the brilliant rays of the Juche idea that the south Korean people are enduring all sorts of hardships and fighting steadily to bring earlier the day when the country is reunified, looking up to the great leader as the sun of the nation and the lodestar of liberation.

The Korean nationals in Japan, under the uplifted banner of the Juche idea, are dynamically fighting to achieve the country's independent reunification and safeguard the right and dignity of the Korean nation in defiance of enemy's persecution and suppression.

The respect and reverence for the great leader is also high among the revolutionary peoples of the world and international support for the cause of our revolution is daily increasing.

Indeed, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is the great thinker and theoretician who fathered the immortal Juche idea which takes the highest place in the history of human thought; he is the ever-victorious, iron-willed brilliant commander, the genius of creation and construction and one of the distinguished leaders of the international communist and working class movements, who performed great exploits by setting universal examples in the revolution and construction, which will shine for ever in the history of the revolutionary struggle of the working class.

The great feats accomplished by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung for our revolution and the world revolution constitute the priceless revolutionary wealth of our people and the revolutionary peoples of the world and will stand as an undiminishing pyramid, radiating hopes throughout ages.

Because of the great leader's undying contributions to our revolution and the world revolution he earns boundless respect and adoration from the revolutionary people throughout the world and his high international prestige is unchallengeable.

The great leader who has been devoting his life solely to the sacred cause of the revolution and people, is pondering over how to advance our revolution and the world revolution. Denying himself even a short spell of rest, he travels across the country for on-the-spot guidance to provide our people with a more bountiful and cultured life.

Indeed, happy and honourable are our people who live and work as revolutionary soldiers of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, holding him in high esteem.

Our people feel it as their greatest honour and happiness to have great Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution born of mankind, as their leader and to live and work as his revolutionary soldiers.

Looking back with deep emotion on the course of proud victory and glory covered under the guidance of the great leader, all our Party members and working people are filled with a firm resolve to staunchly fight only along the pathway indicated by him.

All the Party members and working people will remain loyal to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution, and follow him to the end of globe, so making the grand flower garden of Juche flourish eternally in this land and putting his noble concept into full operation.

**The last-day sitting of the Fifth Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly held on April 10 adopted with the approval of all the deputies present a decision on the second item on the agenda "On the Summing Up of the Fulfilment of the Law on the Universal Compulsory Eleven-Year Education". Follows the full text of the decision:**

# DECISION OF SUPREME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY OF DPRK

## On Summing Up of Fulfilment of Law on Universal Compulsory 11-Year Education

Educational work is a glorious revolutionary work of training the rising generation as dependable successors to the revolution and rearing people as most powerful, dignified social beings.

The Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic put forward the Juche-based policy of education and have steadily developed popular education in accordance with this policy at every stage of revolutionary development and definitely kept the educational work ahead of all other work under whatever difficult conditions of the country.

The Second Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK held on April 9, 1973 adopted a law on enforcing the universal compulsory ten-year senior middle school education and the compulsory one-year preschool education during the Six-Year Plan to further perfect the system of popular education and elevate the level of compulsory education still higher in conformity with the new requirements of the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, developing in depth.

The adoption of this law was a historic event of great significance in the development of our country's popular education and in the struggle of our people to achieve the complete victory of socialism.

A shining success was achieved in the development of popular education through a vigorous struggle to execute the law on enforcing the universal compulsory eleven-year education which was adopted at the Second Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly.

Thanks to the activities of the Government of the Republic and our people to introduce the new compulsory education, six-year old children receiving the compulsory ten-year senior middle school education accounted for 20 per cent of the school-age children in 1972, 60 per cent in 1973 and 91 per cent in 1974, and 100 per cent of the five-year old children throughout the country came to receive compulsory one-year pre-school education in 1974.

Thus, the universal compulsory eleven-year education will be introduced on a full-scale throughout the country on September 1 this year and the law of the Supreme People's Assembly on enforcing the universal compulsory eleven-year education during the Six-Year Plan will be successfully fulfilled one year ahead of schedule.

With the introduction of the universal compulsory eleven-year education, our popular education has developed onto a new, higher stage and the number of students markedly increased.

More than 5.6 million students or one third of the population have come to receive the universal compulsory eleven-year education. When the number of students is put together with the number of all the nursery and kindergarten children, those who study and grow up at state expense account for half of the population.

Nearly one million students study at higher specialized schools and universities and colleges, which have already trained 800,000 technicians and specialists and sent them out to society.

Our country has thus turned into a "land of learning" and a "land of education" in the true sense of the word.

This is a striking demonstration of the incomparable superiority of the socialist system in our country and a great fruition of the popular and revolutionary policy of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic, the steadfast principle of whose activities is to attach main emphasis to men in all matters and make everything serve for men.

In the course of the strivings for putting into effect the universal compulsory eleven-year education a large number of teachers were trained and their ranks firmly built.

Definite priority has been given to the work of training teachers, with the result that 60,000 new teachers were trained between 1972 and 1974. Thus, the number of teachers reached more than 200,000 and there is one teacher for every 25 students.

The ranks of teachers have grown stoutly to be ranks infinitely loyal to the Party and the revolution, a big contingent of communist revolutionaries of Juche type.

The construction of schools to successfully put into force the universal compulsory eleven-year education has been extensively carried out and their material foundations have been consolidated.

Thanks to the measure of the Government of the Republic to vigorously undertake the construction of schools and the assistance of the whole society, more than 30,000 new classrooms and a large number of kindergartens came into being in the last three years.

Today our country has 4,700 primary schools, 4,100 senior middle schools, more than 600 higher specialized schools and more than 150 universities and colleges; our country is covered with a dense network of schools.

The experiment and practice facilities of schools have been built up in a more modern way and the capacity of printing school textbooks has increased considerably.

With the enforcement of the universal compulsory eleven-year education all members of our rising generation have come to receive perfect secondary education free of charge for 11 years from their kindergarten days to the working age under the most advanced and superior educational system and are growing up to be dependable reserves of revolution with the firm foundation of revolutionary world outlook.

As a result, the centuries-old desire of our people to give ample education to their children has been realized on the highest plane and it has become possible to promote the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, and fulfil more successfully the historic cause of dyeing the whole society with the Juche idea.

The actual life proves that the adoption of the law on the enforcement of the universal compulsory eleven-year education at the Second Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly was very timely and a just measure.

The great victory won in the course of the fulfilment of the law is a brilliant result of the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea and a proud fruit borne of the devoted struggle of the entire people infinitely faithful to the Party.

Noting with satisfaction this great victory and brilliant success, the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea decides as follows:

**Firstly, to introduce the universal compulsory eleven-year education on a full-scale throughout the country as from September 1, 1975, one year earlier than the time set in the law on the universal compulsory eleven-year education adopted at the Second Session of the Fifth Supreme People's Assembly.**

**Secondly, to consolidate and develop the success of the universal compulsory eleven-year education and give full play to its superiority.**

**1) The principle of socialist pedagogy shall be strictly observed in all courses of education and training.**

(1) A definite precedence shall be given to the ideological revolution at schools to enable the students to lay the solid foundation of revolutionary world outlook during the term of compulsory education.

The monolithic ideological system of the Party shall be thoroughly established in education and training to firmly prepare all members of the rising generation as communist revolutionaries of Juche type boundlessly faithful to the Party and revolution.

The communist education with class education as its main content and the education in socialist patriotism shall be strengthened to bring up all students into true masters of our revolution who bitterly hate the class enemy, ardently love the socialist system and are possessed of the communist attitude toward labour, noble spirit of collectivism and the attitude of a master toward the economic life of the country.

The organizational life shall be tightened among the students to get them accustomed to the life of this sort from their early age and steel them in a revolutionary way.

(2) The level of instruction on all subjects including mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology and other subjects of basic natural science shall be decisively elevated in conformity with the demand of the new compulsory education to bring up the students into able builders of socialism and communism who are possessed of perfect secondary general knowledge and more than one technical skill during the term of compulsory education.

(3) All members of the rising generation shall be led to acquire more than one sports technique and play more than one musical instrument during the term of compulsory education so that they may become a new communist type of men who are developed in an allround way and have strong body and high cultural standards.

**2) The political and practical qualifications of all teachers shall be further improved in the near future to decisively elevate the level of universal compulsory eleven-year education.**

**3) The whole-state and whole-society assistance shall be strengthened to improve and consolidate the material foundations of schools and provide better conditions for education and training in keeping with the high level of universal compulsory eleven-year education.**

**Thirdly, to authorize the DPRK Administration Council to take concrete measures for implementing the decision.**

**KIM IL SUNG**
President
Democratic People's Republic of Korea

**Pyongyang, April 10, 1975**

# Looking Up to the Great Sun of the Nation

Picturesque Mangyongdae, an epitome of the scenic beauty of Korea, a three thousand-ri land of golden tapestry!

The sun rises throwing its radiant rays as ever over this spiritual birthplace alive with all kinds of flowers, blessed by all the people.

"Long live the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!"

"May you, our fatherly leader, enjoy a long life!"

The entire nation offer the best wishes reverentially. Messages of greetings pour in from faraway foreign countries.

Whenever April brings the memorable red-letter day with it, Mangyongdae provides even greater attraction than usual.

On April 15 in 1912, the sun rose, throwing bright lights all over the world. During 60 years or more that followed the sun cleared off the dark clouds of exploitation and oppression, misery and distress which hung low over this land, and brought the people freedom and liberation, happiness and joy.

The Korean people were deprived of their country by the Japanese imperialist aggressors. Their wailing echoed far and wide. The brutes perpetrated savage barbarities by force of arms and engulfed our land in a sea of blood. Those were times of great sufferings for our people. At this juncture the leader set out on the revolutionary struggle with the destiny of all our countrymen on his shoulders, when he was as young as 13 years old.

He originated the undying Juche idea that man is the master of all things and decides everything, and the glow of this idea illumined a path to the restoration of the country.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said in this vein:

**The only way for us Koreans is to fight and defeat the Japanese imperialists by our own strength. To do this, we must wage armed struggle.**

The fighters who had been disheartened by the repeated setbacks in the preceding struggles found a key to victory in the revolutionary line laid down by the leader, and those who had lamented for the statelessness rose in the struggle looking up to the lodestar of the nation.

The leader's great idea and his correct line found whole-hearted approval of the people who had till then failed to achieve their aim either through the March First Popular Uprising or through the June 10 Independence Movement and had been disillusioned by self-styled "patriots" and the "independence army".

The glorious anti-Japanese armed struggle was waged under the banner of the Juche idea fathered by the leader and in accordance with the Juche-motivated revolutionary line advanced by him. It marked a new epoch in the Korean revolution and ushered in a new era of Juche!

"The great sun rose over this land!"

"The splendid destiny was carved out for our Korea!"

These words were on the lips of the people who were delighted at the news that the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was leading the anti-Japanese war to victory so that their long-cherished desire could be accomplished.

They had called him Comrade Kim Song Ju. Their trust in and respect for him grew so deep that they called him Comrade Il Sung, meaning "one star", to express their hope that he would be as the bright morning star leading the Korean people out of the darkness to the dawn of liberation.

This showed their desire to follow him loyally. But they were not satisfied with comparing such a great leader of the nation simply to the morning star. To them he was the bright sun of Korea. So, they renamed him Il Sung, meaning "future sun". This expressed the unanimous loyalty and desire of the Korean people to follow him as eternally as the bright sun shines.

The Japanese imperialists were unable to curb the aspiration and desire of the people though they had two-million strong armed forces, a wealth of experience gained in the aggressive wars they had waged on over ten occasions and the diabolical "Yamatodamashii spirit."

The leaflets, which were distributed by the organizations of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland in the Pungsan area of South Hamgyong Province in the first half of the 1940's, said:

"General Kim is the leader fighting for independence of Korea. He is the most illustrious general all nations have ever produced. He is wiping out the Japanese troops. Now the sun beams down upon the Korean peninsula... It gives the Korean people the conviction of certain victory."

The people followed the leader like the sunflowers turning toward the sun, and the revolutionary ranks continued with the grand march. This process the enemy failed to hold in check whatever desperate efforts they made.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and great military strategist, inflicted one ignominious defeat after another upon the Japanese imperialist aggression troops by adopting the strategy and tactics of genius, the ingenious method of warfare and the superb art of commanding. Thus he made the Japanese troops tremble with fear.

The large Japanese troops who boasted of being "crack units" were mired in the thick forests of Mt. Paekdu-san and were put out of action in hard frost. The Japanese "punitive forces" who bragged of being "invincible" were mowed down in heaps. Chiensanfeng and Hungchiho were strewn with their bodies.

So, the legendary tales of the "famous general born of the heaven", "preternatural swiftness" and "capability of going up the skies and hiding underground" quickly spread among the people groaning under the hoof of the Japanese fascists and inspired them with fresh hope and joy of life.

The Korean People's Revolutionary Army under his command advanced into the homeland during the dark period of Japanese imperialist colonial rule, holding high the anti-Japanese banner, swooped down upon Pochonbo and lighted the torch of victory under the nocturnal sky after a thrilling battle. And they fought another victorious battle in the Taehongdan plains, the morning mist clearing away in the glare of gun-firing. This enlivened the

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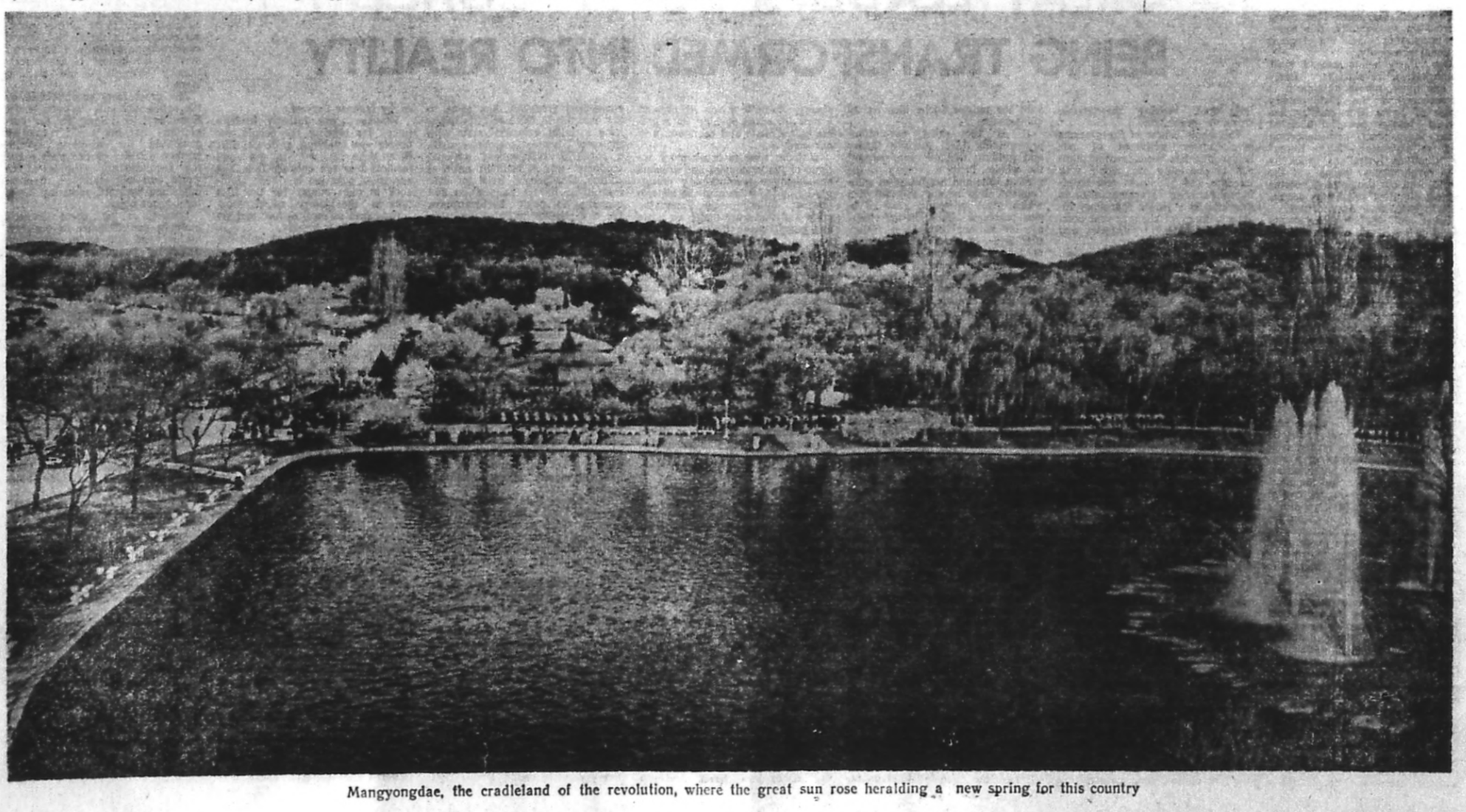

Mangyongdae, the cradleland of the revolution, where the great sun rose heralding a new spring for this country

# Intense Loyalty of Our People to the Great Leader

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung whom our people have for the first time in their history of thousands of years and whom they look up to in high esteem created the immortal Juche idea and clearly showed the road ahead of our revolution with the radiant rays of this idea. Thus he opened before our people an era of unprecedented national prosperity and grandeur and provided them with a truly independent and creative life.

All that is most precious and worthy of pride for our country and people is associated with the dignified name of the leader. Without referring to the leader our people cannot think of all their honour and happiness, pride and dignity.

The hearts of all our people now overflow with utmost reverence for the great leader who brought them today's glory and happiness and with a fiery resolve to remain infinitely loyal to him forever, generation after generation.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught:

**"Our people trust the Party, they are united around it, and are fighting through thick and thin along the path indicated by the Party."**

Our people's unshakable determination to trust and follow the Party singleheartedly is precisely a manifestation of their ardent loyalty to the great leader.

Spotlessly clean and pure heart of allegiance to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung—this can be described as the noblest feelings of our people and as their steel-strong will and unwavering faith that never change in any adversity.

Our people deem it their highest honour and greatest happiness that they are under the guidance of the great leader. They invariably entertain one and the only spirit of loyalty ready to live solely for the sake of the leader even if they have to live just a moment and willingly sacrifice their youth and lives for his sake.

They are living and fighting in a manner befitting revolutionaries who practice unquestioning, unreserved loyalty to the leader, taking his ideas and teachings as the only compass in their work and life, with the unswerving stand and viewpoint of knowing no one but the leader.

It is the highest honour of our people to implement the leader's instructions and the Party's policies unconditionally and thoroughly and alleviate the leader's apprehensions and bring joy and satisfaction to him.

That is why our people regard the leader's instructions and the Party's policies as a law and supreme order and carry them through to the end unconditionally displaying unbounded self-sacrificing spirit and devotion.

They themselves review at the last moment of their lives how they rendered devoted services to the great leader and the glorious Party; they have an indomitable, strong will to carry their unfinished revolutionary tasks to final fulfilment through successive generations; they retain noble and intense loyalty to make their political lives shine forever even though their physical lives cease to exist.

The burning loyalty of our people to the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung began to strike its roots deep down into their hearts when they came to attend the leader as the sun of the nation and the lodestar of liberation. This allegiance is dictated by their spotlessly clear conscience; it is a permanently immutable creed which became firm in the course of their glorious struggle to achieve the revolutionary cause of Juche initiated by the leader.

In the past our people had to suffer national calamity and the sorrow of a ruined nation and the communist movement and national liberation struggle had to experience repeated, bitter reverses and vicissitudes, because of the absence of an outstanding leader.

Our people's thirst for the appearance of an outstanding leader was satisfied by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung when he took the road of revolution. It was not until then that the dawn of national regeneration and victory in revolution broke over this land and that the Korean revolution followed the highway of victory.

Under the wise guidance of the respected and beloved leader our people have cloven the rugged, thorny path of revolution through raging storms. The practical experience in this long-drawn and arduous revolutionary struggle convinced them deeply that thanks to the great leader our Party and the Korean revolution have a glorious past and present and a still brighter future.

That explains why our people boundlessly respect and revere the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung as the sun of the nation, legendary hero and the tender-hearted father of the people, entrust all their destiny entirely to the leader and fight stubbornly for the final victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche led by him, with an iron-strong conviction that there will be nothing impossible for them as long as they are guided by the leader.

The allegiance of our people to the leader is fully manifested in their struggle to put into practice his policy for huge socialist construction. Our heroic working class and people full of vitality, vigour and ardour are effecting unparalleled, great miracles and innovations on all fronts of huge socialist construction through an intensive speed campaign set afoot by the Party. centre.

Last year, in our country the industrial production showed a 17.2 per cent increase above the previous year. As for the grain output it rose by more than 30 per cent, bringing the total to over seven million tons. Thus the grain height of the Six-Year Plan was captured two years ahead of schedule.

Our people are making continuous advance and innovation at an extraordinary tempo along the one road indicated by the leader. Raising higher the banner of three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, they are spurring on their onward movement with redoubled vigour to fulfil the magnificent Six-Year Plan before the 30th birthday of the glorious Workers' Party of Korea (October 10) and greet the October holiday as a grand festival of victors.

They are dashing ahead at an extraordinary pace in the saddle of Chollima so that yesterday becomes a remote past and the ideal of morrow today's reality. This grand march of Chollima is a manifestation of the intense loyalty of our people who are determined to fight on more dynamically, looking up to the great leader and following the glorious Party.

The lofty mental and moral traits and tremendous revolutionary enthusiasm of our people whose hearts burn with ardent loyalty to the great leader—herein lies the source of strength of our people who race forward at an amazing speed, further hastening the overall victory of the revolutionary cause of Juche started by the leader.

In the future, too, as in the past, our people will loyally attend the great leader, holding him in high esteem and fight more dauntlessly to accomplish the cause of Juche initiated by him.

**Li Chan Sun**

# Prosperous Country, Happy People

The great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung fathered the immortal Juche idea and, brilliantly embodying it, established the most advantageous socialist system in our country.

Thus, our people who were held in bondage and deprived of all rights in the past have become able to enjoy genuine political rights and freedoms and lead a happy life, dignified, worthwhile, bountiful and cultured, as masters of the state power. And they are now making great leap forward and continued innovation in all fields of socialist construction, marching along the broad path opened by this system.

The leader, basing himself upon the great superiority and invincible vitality of the socialist system, led our people to brilliantly realize the cause of socialist industrialization, thereby converting our country in a short space of time into an ever-thriving strong socialist industrial state which is independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in national defence.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught:

**"The historic task of turning our country into a socialist industrial state has been splendidly carried out, and the independent national economy built by our people in a spirit of self-reliance during the course of a hard-fought struggle has grown mightier."**

Our country did not go through the industrial revolution and took over the backward economy and technique, the baneful aftermath of Japanese imperialist colonial rule. Moreover, it had to build everything anew on the debris caused by the war unleashed by the US imperialist aggressors.

Therefore, it was a really difficult and complex task to realize socialist industrialization in our country whose main content is the establishment of an independent modern industry and an allround technical reconstruction of the national economy.

Under the leader's wise guidance the historic task of socialist industrialization which would mark a new, epochal turn in socialist construction and in the improvement of the people's living was creditably carried out in our country, in a short time, in only over 10 years.

With the successful accomplishment of socialist industrialization, the powerful bases of independent heavy industry with the machine-building industry as its core were built up more solidly. Our country which could not make even simple farm implements properly in the past is now in a position to manufacture modern large machines and highly efficient precision machines; it can produce not only individual machine units and pieces of equipment but also complete sets of equipment for outfitting modern factories.

Large-scale centrally-run light industry factories and medium- and small-scale modern local industry factories have been set up in large numbers.

So our country can fully meet on its own domestic demand for all consumer goods ranging from draperies to products for cultural use.

In the rural economy irrigation and electrification were completed and great advance made in mechanization and chemicalization. Our peasants did farming with primitive farm implements such as hoe and sickle in the past. But our agriculture has now entered the stage of overall industrialization and modernization. This means that tillage and sowing are done by machines and weeding is done with the help of chemicals.

Today our industry and agriculture continue to steadily develop at a high tempo, not affected by world-wide economic upheaval and crisis or by unfavourable change of weather conditions.

Our industry showed an annual average growth of 17 per cent between 1971 and 1973 when the world was experiencing a serious economic convulsion.

With the accomplishment of socialist industrialization our independent national economy was further consolidated. This has enabled our people to have a firm material and technical foundation to further solidify our socialist system and bring its advantages into full play. And we have been provided with a mighty economic asset with which we can make everything once we are determined to do. This solid material basis has made possible our powerful support for the revolutionary struggle of the south Korean people and served for national reunification, and future prosperity.

With the strengthening of the country's economic foundation and the thorough implementation of our Party's revolutionary policy that urges the state to assume responsibility for the life of the working people, the living standards of the workers, peasants and intellectuals have been improved rapidly.

Particularly, thanks to the profound solicitude of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, our country has become a tax-free country for the first time in the world and our people have become the happiest and most honourable people who were freed from all sorts of tax burden forever.

With the vigorous promotion of the work of introducing bus and water services in all rural villages, developing the clinics in rural *ri* into hospitals and covering the countryside with TV network, the differences between workers and peasants in living standards and between town and country in living conditions have been reduced further still.

In our country 8 million children and youth, or more than half of the population, receive education under state and public care and there has been established a system under which all people study. In our country compulsory 11-year education, the highest educational system in the world, will be introduced completely this year and all the working people will acquire knowledge of middle school-graduate standard and up within one or two years. Indeed, our country is a "country of learning" and a "country of education".

Our science and technology are greatly conducive to further strengthening the independence of the economy and successfully carrying out the three major tasks of the technical revolution to free the working people from arduous and toilsome work.

Thanks to the leader's Juche-oriented idea of literature and arts and the Party centre's energetic guidance our literature and arts are now throwing radiant rays all over the world as Juche-based national culture and arts. They have become a great banner of struggle which gives crushing blows to the corrupt reactionary culture and arts of the bourgeois and inspires the people to the revolutionary struggle.

Radical changes have also been brought about in the political and ideological traits of our people.

They regard it as their greatest happiness and honour to have great Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of the revolution and the sun of the nation, as their leader.

Their hearts are aglow with boundless loyalty—to follow the leader and the Party centre and hold them in high esteem till the end of the sun and the moon and to devote readily even their youth and lives to the great cause indicated by them.

In our country fundamental changes have taken place in all fields of politics, economy, education, literature and arts and in the people's spiritual and moral traits.

All our working people lead a hope-filled life in the tax-free country, a country where all people enjoy a long life in good health, an earthly paradise of socialism thriving steadily. They have no worry about food, clothing, housing, medical treatment and the education of their children. "Sixty is the prime of life and we have our longevity celebration at ninety" is the very apt expression often heard.

**Pak Ju Sol**

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weary life of the people, invigorating and emboldening them all.

As the great sun shone high above, they looked up at it only and pictured a bright future to their minds.

Little wonder a Japanese scholar in the governmental pay had this to say: In 1944, I asked the sixth-year and second-year pupils of a primary and secondary school in south Korea: "Who do you think is the greatest man among the contemporary Japanese (including Koreans)?"... Then a poll was conducted. To my surprise, 67 per cent put down "Kim Il Sung" (From a book "New Tales of Korea"). Even the Japanese imperialist rulers had to admit: "Kim Il Sung is respected by the Korean people as deeply as a savior" (From a Japanese publication "The Police Situation in South Hamgyong Province").

All the people cherished the intense feelings of respect and reverence including those in the log cabins in the out-of-the-way mountain areas and those in the living quarters of coal and other mines. Those put behind the iron bars and on the gallows remained truly loyal to him to the last moment.

In the crucible of the bloody struggle against Japanese imperialism the leader created the revolutionary traditions—the historic roots of the revolution, priceless wealth and reliable asset which our Party and people would carry forward forever.

Our people derived the unbreakable vitality and inexhaustible creativeness from the roots which grew under the rays of the great sun. That is why they have become the ever-victorious heroes and our country has attained high prosperity on a rock-firm foundation.

Under the wise guidance of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution and outstanding thinker and theoretician, our people won the two revolutionary wars against Japanese and US imperialisms and thus demonstrated the honour of Juche country to the whole world.

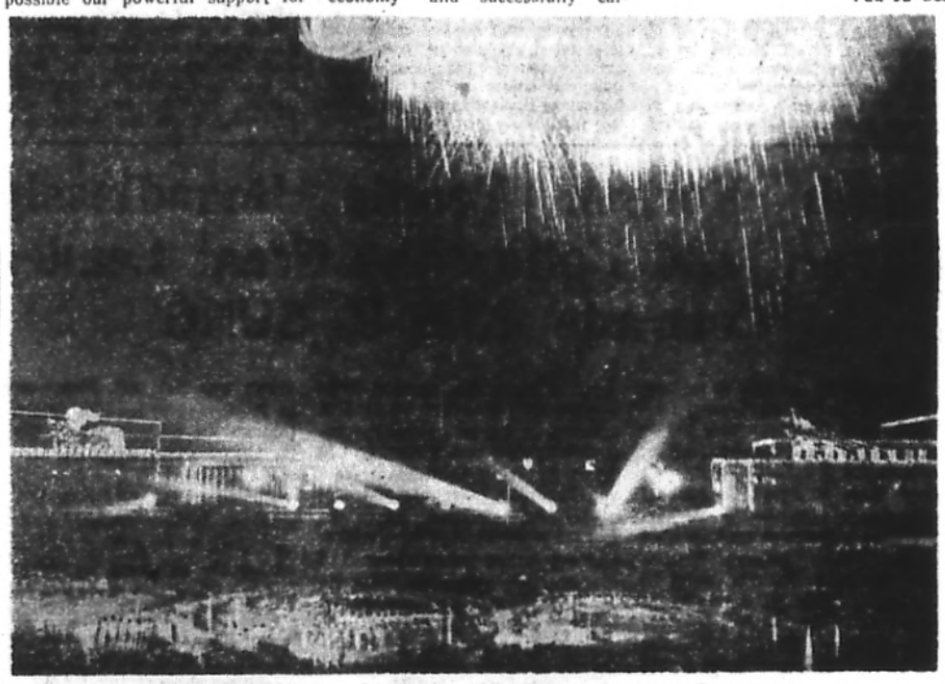
They accomplished in a little more than 10 years the historic task of industrialization which took other countries hundreds of years. They are now enjoying an immensely happy and glorious life in their powerful country independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in national defence—a country admired by the world people as an "earthly paradise" or "socialist paradise"

Many people came from the southern half to the northern half of the Republic across the death line in order to find a place in the embrace of the affectionate fatherly leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation. Likewise, there has been large exodus of Koreans from Japan to their homeland.

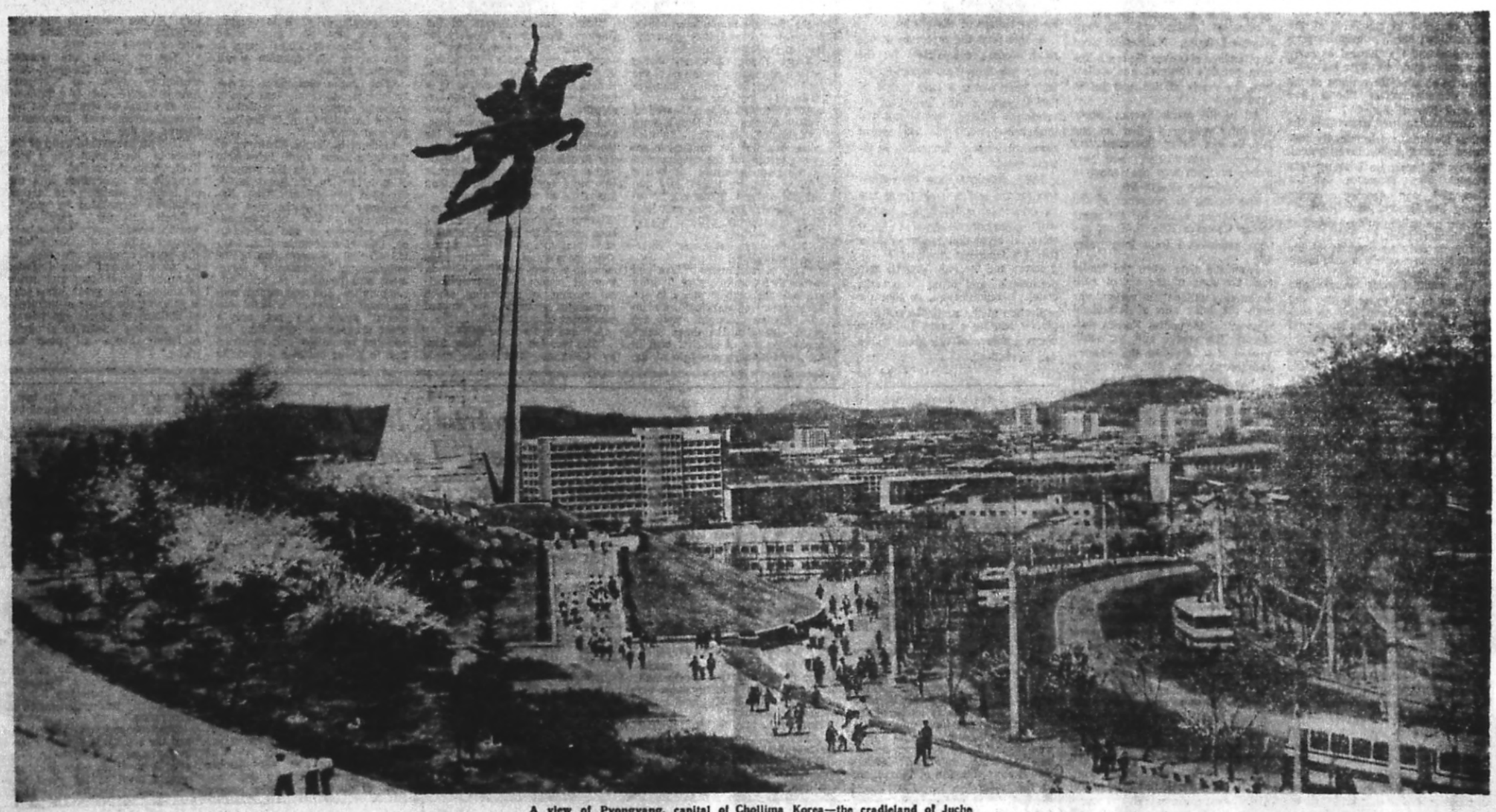
Today the Korean people belong to one big harmonious family under the tender care of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the Party centre.

They will remain forever loyal to the great leader, holding him in deep respect.

**Hong Rae Hi**



Fireworks make the red-letter day of April more colourful (in Pyongyang)



A view of Pyongyang, capital of Chollima Korea—the cradleland of Juche

# Grand National Meeting of Joint Organizations of Korean Juvenile Corps Held in Celebration of 63rd Birthday of the Respected and Beloved Leader Marshal KIM IL SUNG

April 15 was the 63rd birthday of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people. Greeting this anniversary, the whole country was astir with activity and all the people offered the greatest glory to the leader, filled with a burning determination to remain loyal to him.

That day a national meeting of the joint organizations of the Korean Juvenile Corps was held on a grand scale at Mangyongdae, the cradleland of the revolution, in celebration of the 63rd anniversary of the birth of the respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung.

The playground of the Red Flag Mangyongdae Revolutionary School designated as the meeting place was thronged with the Juvenile Corps members and people from different parts of the country. The scene looked like a sea of flowers.

Put up in place of honour of the meeting place was a portrait of the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, the genius of revolution, the sun of the nation and legendary hero. Seen on its opposite side were large pictures depicting the fatherly leader among Juvenile Corps members.

Floating high in the cloudless, azure sky were big balloons with ribbons bearing the slogans "Long live the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung!" "Long live the glorious Workers' Party of Korea!" "We cordially wish the leader long life and good health!" and "We have nothing more to desire in the world."

Present at the meeting were Comrades So Chol, Pak Sung Chol, Ryu Jang Sik, Han Ik Su and Rim Chun Chu; Department Directors of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea; Chairmen of Committees and Ministers of the DPRK Administration Council; leading functionaries of the Pyongyang municipal Party and power bodies; responsible workers of social organizations; generals of the Korean People's Army and those who had participated in the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle.

Invited to the meeting were members of the congratulatory group of Koreans in Japan headed by Li Jin Gyu, Vice-Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) and the Korean Song and Dance Ensemble in Japan who came to the homeland to celebrate the 63rd birthday of the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung, and the delegation of the Korean Democratic Lawyers Association in Japan and the 5th home-visiting group of the Korean traders and industrialists in Japan.

Also invited were foreign guests staying in our country.

A clarion bugle call of the Juvenile Corps rang out and then the formalities of the Juvenile Corps began.

An open car carrying a flag bearing the treasured portrait of the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung entered the meeting place, escorted by motorcycles driven by Juvenile Corps members. Another car followed, with the standard of the Korean Juvenile Corps hoisted on it.

The meeting opened with the singing in chorus of the "Song of General Kim Il Sung".

A large number of children were admitted into the Korean Juvenile Corps at the meeting. Led by Comrade Li O Song, a participant in the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, the young pupils read out aloud the "oath of admittance into the Korean Juvenile Corps".

Congratulating the recruits who were provided with the precious political life by the respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung and who took the first step for the socio-political life, the cadres, teachers and pupils' parents put red ties around their necks and pinned the badges of the Juvenile Corps on their breasts.

At the meeting Shin Jong Hui, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the League of Socialist Working Youth, made a congratulatory report.

The reporter recalled with deep emotion the half a century long history of the glorious and brilliant revolutionary activities of the great leader who rose as the sun of the nation, originated the immortal Juche idea and has wisely led our people with the radiant rays of that idea. She said that it is the greatest honour, happiness and pride for our people, students and children to live and struggle as the revolutionary fighters of the great leader unknown before in our people's history of thousands of years, holding him in deep respect.

The national meeting of joint organizations of the Korean Juvenile Corps held at Mangyongdae in celebration of the 63rd birthday of the respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung

She extended the greatest honour and warmest gratitude to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, legendary hero and the great leader of our Party and our people, in token of the unanimous allegiance of all the students and children of our country to him.

The reporter emphasized that all the members of the Juvenile Corps, the reserves of our revolution, should loyally attend the respected and beloved father Marshal Kim Il Sung, holding him in high esteem and proudly demonstrate the honour of being the guards and death-defying corps of the leader in winning the revolutionary cause started by him, generation after generation under the leadership of the glorious Party.

All the attendants of the meeting reverentially wished that benevolent father Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of our Party and our people, will enjoy a long life in good health for the reunification of the country, for victory of the cause of socialism and communism, for eternal prosperity of the generations to come and for their happiness.

**The meeting adopted a message of pledge to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people, amid the enthusiastic cheers of the attendants.**

The meeting closed with the chorus of "Long Life and Good Health to the Leader".

The meeting was followed by a parade of the students and children.

On the same day the national meeting of the joint organizations of the Korean Juvenile Corps was preceded by a grand ceremony of conveying the letters of loyalty addressed in the name of all the students and children of our country to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of our Party and our people.

Over 500,000 youth, students and pupils joined in the relay for conveying the letters of loyalty. The carriers of the letters left Unggi, a historic revolutionary battle site, and Chunggang, Wonsan, Kaesong, Changsong and Nampo and reached the destination via all the provinces (or cities under the central authority), cities (or districts) and counties.

The selected runners of the provinces (or cities under the central authority) who covered the last section of the relay course entered the playground, with the flag bearing the treasured portrait of the leader in the van of their columns. The letters of loyalty were conveyed amidst fervent acclamation.

That day a mass gymnastic display "The Spring of Mangyongdae" was performed at the playground of the Red Flag Mangyongdae Revolutionary School by students and children in honour of the 63rd birthday of the great leader.

The students and children spent the memorable red-letter day at Mangyongdae where the father Marshal Kim Il Sung was born and nurtured the great aim of the revolution. They had get-togethers for story telling, narration of books, poem recital and oratorical contest at the historic sites of revolution—his native home, the angling site, the swinging site, the sliding rock, the warship rock, the aspen tree, the study site, the wrestling site, etc. These gatherings helped them to learn from the leader's revolutionary ideas and from his brilliant childhood.

# South Korean People Boundlessly Revere and Follow the Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

A worker Li residing in the city of Taegu, North Kyongsang Province, south Korea, recently exposed and condemned the Pak Jung Hi villains for the "national referendum" farce designed to prolong their fascist dictatorship. It happened on a crowded road in front of the Taegu Railway Station. After accusing the Pak Jung Hi bandits of their criminal acts he stated that "our life will be good when General Kim Il Sung rules over this land. The General fought for 15-long years against the Japanese scoundrels, for the welfare of our people and built up an earthly paradise in the land of the north, didn't he? We south Koreans should attend the General as early as possible and live under his rule." Then he shouted three times at the top of his voice: "Long live General Kim Il Sung!"

After having been escorted to the police station he determinedly protested against police investigators, asking: "Wherein am I wrong? My respect and reverence for the General?" and shouted again: "Long live General Kim Il Sung!" making the policemen open-mouthed with astonishment.

This is only an example of the south Korean people's intense loyalty to the leader.

The south Korean people who look up to the great leader and follow him endlessly just as sunflower turns towards the sun would often shout "Long live General Kim Il Sung!" or sing the "Song of General Kim Il Sung" before crowds, with the irrepressible feeling of reverence for him, regardless of the enemy's brutal suppression.

Many revolutionaries died a heroic death on the gallows shouting "Long live General Kim Il Sung!" after fighting with fortitude in the firm belief that "it is honourable to live or even die as a revolutionary advancing under the banner of Kimilsungism."

Among all sorts and conditions of men in south Korea today are those who regularly listen to the radio broadcast from the northern half of the Republic, study and pore over the biography of the great leader and his works that they got through different routes, and join in lively talk full of reverence for and loyalty to the leader.

This has become an irresistible tendency. It is quite natural.

For the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is the great leader, the most outstanding and distinguished legendary hero and the sun of the nation whom our people attend for the first time in their history of thousands of years. His immortal Juche idea brightly illumined the road of struggle for our nation and the progressive people across the world to follow in bringing about freedom and liberation, prosperity and happiness and, moreover, helped defeat the Japanese imperialist robbers and accomplish the great cause of the country's restoration, with the result that a socialist paradise came into being in the north.

The great leader lit up the way for the south Korean revolution and the country's reunification and continues with his unremitting struggle to give our people the gift of a reunified motherland, the long cherished desire. Heart-sick more than anyone else over the south Korean people's miseries and sufferings, he exerts all his energies to save them.

All of the south Korean people are fully convinced that no one but he can bring liberation and freedom, reunification and happiness to them who are forced to live a colonial slavish life.

The feeling of reverence of the south Korean people for the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has been established from long years ago.

From the time when the leader took the road of the sacred anti-Japanese national salvation war with the lofty aim of fatherland restoration, the entire Korean people in the north and the south trusted the future of the country and the nation to him, looking up to him as "the General's Star over Mt. Paekdu-san", as a savior of the nation and as a legendary hero.

Hearing the splendid news that General Kim Il Sung wiped out the one million-strong Kwantung Army of Japanese imperialism as if hewing down a lot of ninepins, freely leaping the mountains and rivers of Manchuria, they had pinned their hope of revival and firm confidence in victory on hundreds of thousands of legendary stories about his heroic feats.

A number of youths went from all parts of south Korea to Manchuria and Mt. Paekdu-san to join in his units; they annihilated the Japanese invaders, arms in hand or fought gallantly, embraced in underground organizations.

Therefore, when the leader returned home in triumph after defeating the Japanese aggressors, south Korean people organized the "Union Supporting General Kim Il Sung" and thronged to the Seoul Railway Station plaza to welcome him and went through several nights waiting for his arrival. But their ardent desire was not met. Many came to Pyongyang to see him, breaking through the 38th parallel where the US imperialist aggressor troops stood guard.

Among them was Kim Gu, a stubborn "anti-communist" nationalist. After meeting the great leader he heartily felt sorry for his misunderstanding, saying that "the General is the only hero who could lead Korea along the right path", "I will follow the path General Kim Il Sung is taking". After his return to south Korea he did not yield his faith until he was killed by the bullets of the enemy.

In this way, the reverence of our south Korean compatriots for the leader has been deep-rooted in all their hearts over a long period of half a century. This feeling of reverence is all the more strong and unshaken because it has spread thousands upon thousands of lateral roots.

Their ardent feeling of veneration for the leader is changing into an invincible, material force which will eventually raise a violent storm of revolution to sweep away the US-Japanese imperialist aggressors and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and bring about the country's reunification, so that the aspiration of the south Korean people for leading a happy life in the warm embrace of the great leader can be realized.

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# "Comrade KIM IL SUNG's Revolutionary Ideas Are on the Highest Stage in the Development of Human Thought"

## World Revolutionary People's Comments on Juche Idea

The Juche idea founded by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is making its way with tremendous impact to all continents and all regions.

Revolutionaries and revolutionary people of the world are highly speaking of the Juche idea of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung with these impressive words: "Idea of the highest stage in the development of human thought" and "Kimilsungism is Marxism-Leninism of the present times when imperialism is going to ruin."

They feel great pride and honour in the fact that they study the Juche idea, the revolutionary idea, of the leader and they gain the food of revolution from it.

Kaoru Yasui, Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of the Japan-Korea Solidarity Committee of Social Scientists, said:

"The ideological and theoretical system of President Kim Il Sung with the Juche idea as its quintessence occupies an eminent place in the history of the development of Marxism-Leninism; it is the guiding idea, guiding theory and guiding method of our era." "Today," he declared, "we may call it 'Kimilsungism' without hesitation."

The Burmese newspaper "Guardian" wrote:

"The revolutionary ideas and theories of Comrade Kim Il Sung are on the highest stage in the development of Marxism-Leninism and human thought; they are great ideas of the times which opened an era of epochal turn in the revolutionary struggle of the exploited and oppressed peoples of the world and in the building of socialism and communism." "That is why," it added, "the world's revolutionary people regard the great revolutionary ideas and revolutionary theories of Comrade Kim Il Sung as a beacon of their hope and a textbook for their struggle today."

The world's revolutionary people say that the Juche idea founded by the great revolutionary leader Comrade Kim Il Sung enables them to successfully wage a struggle against imperialism and that "Kimilsungism" points to the right course of revolution.

"Juche Idea", organ of the Gumma Prefectural "Society for the Study of Korean Affairs" in Japan, emphasized: "Undying 'Kimilsungism' founded and systematized by the President is a most scientific method of understanding and remaking nature and society, a most correct idea, theory, strategy and tactics for the solution of all questions arising in the revolutionary struggle and a great idea which expounds the most tested system, method and style of mass leadership.

"With the founding of great 'Kimilsungism' a bright vista has been opened for the development of revolution and all the progressive people of the world have come to possess a militant banner, a great ideological and theoretical weapon of revolution, which powerfully promotes the onward movement of mankind."

A friend in Portugal said:

"The creation of the Juche idea by Comrade Kim Il Sung made it possible for all the revolutionaries to maintain a principled stand in the creative and spiritual struggle and lay foundations for achieving a genuine unity of the world revolutionary movement.

"We have been able to successfully wage a struggle against the imperialists, because we have a powerful weapon—the Juche idea".

Jwallaltala Bai, an Iraqi lawyer, said: "As time goes by, the theories and ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung are evoking a great response among the world's people and his authority and prestige are rising higher among the fighting people. Why? It is because only one idea, the great Juche idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung, is the key to the solution of all questions today.

"The Juche idea plays an encyclopedic and omnipotent role in economic construction, in defence of the fatherland and in the literary and art fields."

Lajikum R. Gupta, Chairman of the India-Korea Youth Friendship Association, said in his message of greetings to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung: "Your Excellency's great Juche idea and revolutionary line of independence, self-support and self-defence, line of anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle, general line of the international communist movement and theories of socialism, communism and communist construction and your brilliant immortal works are not only a great programme propelling the socialist revolution and construction in Korea but also a guide to action indicating the road to the peoples of all revolutionary countries and socialist countries the world over and textbooks for the world's revolutionaries and classic documents which have made an outstanding contribution to the treasure-house of Marxism-Leninism."

In a letter to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, members of the "Study Group of the Works of Comrade Kim Il Sung" of African students studying in Europe emphasized:

"We have keenly realised that without basing ourselves on the Juche idea, we cannot achieve victory in the revolution and construction nor consolidate the already made successes.

"'Let us study and master the Juche idea, the great revolutionary idea, of Comrade Kim Il Sung!'—this is a faith of life and goal of struggle for the revolutionaries and progressive figures of our era.

"It is an irresistible trend of the times to learn from you, a brilliant Marxist-Leninist, and to struggle in accordance with the outstanding strategic and tactical principles formulated by you."

Small wonder that the world's revolutionary people have abiding faith in the Juche idea, the great revolutionary idea, of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and strive to study it. The great Juche idea is gripping the hearts of hundreds of millions of people and powerfully rousing them to struggle, radiating hopes all over the globe.

# *"We Korean Compatriots in Japan Who Have the Great Leader Are Happiest in the World"*

Today the functionaries of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan) and the Korean compatriots in Japan feel immense happiness and pride that they have great Marshal Kim Il Sung as their leader, live a fruitful life under his wise guidance and deep care and struggle for the honour of the homeland. They are filled with a fiery determination to be faithful to the leader with single-hearted devotion.

"All the happiness we are enjoying now is thanks to the leader. Today's happiness is unimaginable apart from the motherland and the leader's solicitude.

We are heartily grateful for what he has done to us.

Our dear leader, thank you very much!

Dear leader, may you live long!"

This is an expression of the warm gratitude and the burning loyalty to the fatherly leader of the entire Chongryon functionaries and the Korean compatriots in Japan who regard it as their great honour and happiness to attend Marshal Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, as the leader.

The restoration of the fatherland brought by the great leader after defeating the Japanese imperialist robbers gave the joy of rebirth to the Korean compatriots in Japan who were suffering from all sorts of national humiliation and maltreatment as stateless people in an alien land in the past. He built up the homeland into a powerful socialist country which is called "Chollima country", "a model of socialism" and the "motherland of Juche," thus making them the happiest and most honourable overseas citizens.

Therefore, the 600,000 Korean compatriots in Japan look up to the great leader as the benefactor of their rebirth and speak highly of him, boastfully saying that "I am a citizen of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea".

A compatriot residing in Tokyo had this to say: "The fluttering flag of our Republic really brings us the joy of resurrection and the hope for morrow and fully enlivens the national spirit of us who were oppressed in the reality as cold as a sheet of ice."

The respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung shows all paternal affection for the Korean compatriots in Japan.

The leader formed Chongryon which is a genuine national organization defending the interests of the Korean compatriots in Japan, instituted the Law of Nationality of the DPRK to ensure the lawful status of the Korean compatriots in Japan. And he made the representatives of the Korean compatriots of all walks of life in Japan directly take part in the state affairs of the socialist motherland as deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly and took all kinds of compatriotic measures for the national education of the Korean nationals in Japan and the stability of their living.

A compatriot living in Osaka said: "Just as we cannot think of the past, present and future of our home country apart from the name of Marshal Kim Il Sung and his wise leadership, so we cannot think of today's glory and honour of the Korean compatriots in Japan apart from the solicitude of the leader. We who have the great leader are the happiest in the world."

A compatriot who is a member of the Nakabaru branch organization of Kokura Chapter under Chongryon remarked: "In fact, the immortal Juche idea fathered by the leader is the bright beacon illumining the road ahead of us. Only when we arm ourselves with the Juche idea and march forward as indicated by the leader can we win victory and glory."

The Korean compatriots in Japan regard it as their unshakable creed of life to arm themselves firmly with great Juche idea, the revolutionary idea of the fatherly leader, and practice infinite loyalty to the leader single-heartedly.

A Korean trader said:

"I confirm my fiery determination to be faithful to the respected and beloved leader forever. I will devote my all to the work of national education which has been brought into bloom by the efforts of the fatherly leader. By doing so, I will show undivided fidelity to the fatherly leader generation after generation."

The Chongryon functionaries and the 600,000 Korean compatriots in Japan are, indeed, burning with even more fiery determination to remain loyal to the great leader.

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